

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the final Office Action dated April 14, 2010, which this Reply is filed within three months. Claims 60-67 were pending and the Examiner rejects claims 60-67. Applicants cancel claims 61-65 and 67 without prejudice to filing one or more claims having similar subject matter. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter is entered with these amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner sets forth various claim objections due to clarity concerns. Applicants amend the claims in line with the suggestions provided by the Examiner.

The Examiner next rejects claim 67 under 35 USC 112 as non-enabling. Applicants respectfully disagree, but to expedite prosecution, Applicants cancel claim 67, so Applicants assert that this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner next rejects claims 60-67 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree, but to expedite prosecution, Applicants cancel claim 61-65 and 67, so Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot. Applicants amend claims 60 and 66 in line with the Examiner's suggestions.

The Examiner next rejects claims 60-61, 65 and 66-67 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueyama, et al., WO 02/057192 ("Ueyama"). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants amend certain claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. In particular, Applicants add the limitations from claims 61, 62 and 63 into independent claims 60 and 66. Applicants also cancel claims 61, 65 and 67, so Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

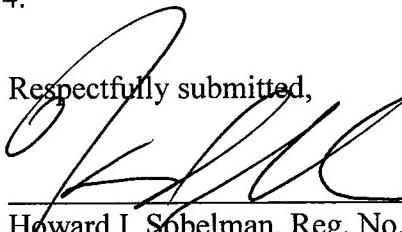
Applicants assert that the novel features of the claimed invention lies in that, for example, both of the substrate supporting means and the scribing devices are provided to be able to move together in the Y axial direction, and when forming a scribe line of the Y axial direction, the substrate supporting means and the scribing devices are moved together as one unit in the Y axial direction against the substrate. At this time, the belt provided to the substrate supporting means, while the substrate is fixedly supported to the fixing device by means of clamping, is provided to move the substrate in the opposite direction of moving the substrate supporting means at the

same speed as that of the substrate supporting means. With such a configuration, the novelty of the claimed invention is achieved, for example, such that scribe lines (what is so called cross scribe lines crossing each other at different directions) can be formed. As such, Applicants assert that claims 60 and 66 are distinguished from the cited references and respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

The Examiner next rejects claims 62-64 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueyama in view of Cunningham, US Patent No. 6,202,524. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, Applicants cancel claims 62-64 to expedite prosecution, so Applicants assert that these rejections are now moot.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims properly set forth that Applicant regard as his invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,


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